

MINUTES
UTAH
MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY
LICENSING BOARD
MEETING

March 3, 2006

Room 428 – 4th Floor – 9:00 A.M.
Heber Wells Building

CONVENED: 9:00 A.M.

ADJOURNED: 2:00 P.M.

Bureau Manager:
Board Secretary:

Noel Taxin
Karen McCall

Board Members Present:

Richard Nielsen, PhD
Jean N. Soderquist, PhD
James M. Harper, PhD, Chairperson

Board Members Absent:

LaNae Valentine, PhD
Karen Feinauer

Guests:

Craig Jackson, Division Director
Michael Florence, U of U Student

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Swearing in of LaNae Valentine, PhD, as a Board Member

Dr. Valentine was unable to attend the meeting. The swearing in will be conducted at the next scheduled Board Meeting.

Read and approve the December 16, 2005 Minutes.

Dr. Nielsen made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Dr. Soderquist second the motion. **The Board vote was unanimous.**

PENDING BUSINESS:

Proposed Rules Review

The Board reviewed the proposed rules and made minor revisions. Further discussion was deferred to the appointment with Thorana Nelson at noon.

APPOINTMENTS:

9:30 A.M.

Richard Chidester, Probationary Interview

Mr. Chidester met for his probationary interview.

Craig Jackson was introduced.

The Board reviewed Mr. Chidester's file and supervision report.

Dr. Harper conducted the interview.

Dr. Harper requested Mr. Chidester to bring the Board up to date regarding his supervision and to address how the issue of praying with his clients has been resolved.

Mr. Chidester responded that he and his supervisor met for about an hour at each supervision meeting to review files and discuss cases. Mr. Chidester stated that the time spent with his supervisor was always very helpful to him in his practice. Mr. Chidester stated that he continued the prayer with a few of his clients who were near termination and has now discontinued prayer with all clients. Mr. Chidester commented that he told his clients that he was seeing them in a professional capacity and they may pray before coming to their therapy session if they felt it necessary but would no longer be praying at the therapy session. Mr. Chidester remarked that the clients were all very understanding and everything has worked out well. Mr. Chidester remarked that he has not noticed any negative difference in his therapy sessions from when they were praying together and now that they are not.

Ms. Taxin asked Mr. Chidester how he would handle a situation if the client said the prayer was really important to them and they really wanted to pray.

Mr. Chidester responded that he would respond as the Board had recommended and tell the client that the therapy sessions are in a professional capacity and the client could always pray privately before they came but this setting needs to be kept professional. Mr. Chidester stated that he would not bring up religious issues to clients and that he is trying to be a good

professional. Mr. Chidester stated that it was a little difficult starting his probation under one group of Board members and then completing the probation under an all different Board but it has all been a good experience.

Dr. Harper remarked that it appears that Mr. Chidester has met the requirements of probation.

Dr. Soderquist made a motion to terminate probation as all requirements have been met. Dr. Nielsen seconded the motion. The Board vote was unanimous.

Ms. Taxin explained the termination process to Mr. Chidester.

10:15 A.M.

David Gardner, Probationary Interview or Update

Mr. Gardner met for his probationary interview.

Dr. Harper conducted the interview.

Mr. Gardner explained that he has not signed the revised Stipulation and Order due to the following reasons: He had surgery January 24, 2006, he no longer has his brother-in-law as an attorney to consult with due to the divorce from his wife, the revised Stipulation and Order has some of the same conditions as the original (ie: he must work under an approved supervisor and time not working the field of MFT does not count), he is unable to locate anyone who will supervise him, he will not be able to meet the requirement of working 16 hours per week until he has established a clientele.

Ms. Taxin reminded Mr. Gardner that he and his attorney reviewed the revised Stipulation and Order 3 months ago. Ms. Taxin reviewed Mr. Gardner's current options:

- 1. Sign the revised Stipulation and Order.**
- 2. Stay on the original Stipulation and Order.**
- 3. Surrendering his license until he is prepared to meet requirements the requirements of the Stipulation and Order in the field of Marriage and Family Therapy. At that time Mr. Gardner may submit an application for consideration of reinstatement of his license**

with an intent to compete the current Stipulation and Order.

Dr. Harper stated that the revised Stipulation and Order will allow Mr. Gardner to practice and to establish a practice with the time counting toward completion of the Stipulation and Order.

Mr. Gardner proposed that he be allowed to sign the revised Stipulation and Order and then immediately surrender his license for a period of time to deal with some personal issues.

Ms. Taxin responded that Mr. Gardner's proposal is not a wise choice for a variety of reasons. Ms. Taxin offered Mr. Gardner to defer a decision to allow him additional time to come to a decision that he feels comfortable and able to comply with until April 10, 2006 at which time Mr. Gardner must contact her with agreement to one of his 3 options.

11:00 A.M.

Suzanne Dastrup, Probationary Interview

Ms. Dastrup met for her probationary interview.

Board members and Division staff were introduced.

Dr. Harper conducted the interview.

Dr. Harper stated that a letter has been received from Dr. Don Price and asked Mr. Dastrup to bring the Board up to date on her situation.

Ms. Dastrup explained to the Board that she had requested an Agency Review of the Hearing and was denied which she did not agree with or understand.

Ms. Taxin explained that there are deadlines for information to be received for Agency Review and Ms. Dastrup failed to meet the deadline.

Dr. Harper asked Ms. Dastrup if she had completed a psychological evaluation with Dr. Buxton as one is not in her file.

Ms. Dastrup responded that she had an evaluation and would give it to the Board for her file if a copy could be given back to her.

Ms. Taxin made a copy for Ms. Dastrup and gave the original to Dr. Harper for Ms. Dastrup's file.

Dr. Harper remarked that Ms. Dastrup's supervision report states that Mr. Price is questioning if supervision for the 5 year probationary period is warranted. Dr. Harper commented that the Board may require Ms. Dastrup to obtain supervision from someone other than Dr. Price.

Ms. Dastrup responded that she would be very unhappy if the Board required someone other than Dr. Price to be her supervisor.

Dr. Harper stated that the Board has the responsibility to be sure the supervisor relationship will work and that the supervision is done properly. Dr. Harper stated that Dr. Buxton did not make a recommendation that Ms. Dastrup needs additional therapy at this time and recommended the Board not require therapy at this time. Dr. Harper stated to Ms. Dastrup that the Board is looking to Dr. Price to make comments regarding the need for supervision and make recommendations regarding frequency of supervision. He commented that the Board would review the recommendations.

An appointment was made for Ms. Dastrup to meet again June 2, 2006.

Ms. Dastrup remarked that she might be out of town on June 2, 2006.

Ms. Taxin stated that Ms. Dastrup should contact her as soon as possible regarding the dates she will be out of town.

Dr. Nielsen made a motion that Ms. Dastrup be under a different supervisor. Dr. Soderquist seconded the motion. The Board vote was unanimous.

Dr. Soderquest made a motion not to enforce personal therapy at this time but to reserve the right to enforce if necessary at some future date.

Dr. Nielsen seconded the motion. The Board vote was unanimous.

The Board recommended Dr. Harper contact Alan Springer as a possible supervisor and, if he agrees, have him contact Ms. Taxin for guidance.

12:00 P.M.

Thorana Nelson, Utah State University,
Association Appointment

Ms. Nelson and Alan Springer, Association President Elect, met with the Board to review and discuss the proposed rules.

The Board, Ms. Nelson and Mr. Springer reviewed R156-60b-302b, the area of the 4000 hours of experience. The Board, Ms. Nelson and Mr. Springer requested Ms. Taxin include wording that supervision must continue throughout the training period.

Dr. Harper stated that the Board had requested the word conjoint be taken out of the rules in R156-60b-302b(e).

Ms. Taxin stated that she will make the requested revisions and fax the final draft to Board members and Ms. Nelson for review before filing for a hearing. Ms. Taxin explained the hearing process to the Board, Ms. Nelson and Mr. Springer.

NEW APPLICATIONS:

Shalene M. Hatton, MFT Extern or Intern

The Board reviewed Ms. Hatton's transcripts and noted Ms. Hatton has a Master's of Arts in Expressive Therapies with a specialization in Art Therapy. The Board determined Ms. Hatton's degree does not meet the requirement of a degree in Marriage and Family Therapy (MFT).

The Board also determined that the Extern license would not apply in this situation and that Ms. Hatton lacks the required coursework.

Dr. Nielsen made a motion that the application for MFT Intern or MFT Extern be denied based on the education not meeting the requirement of a MFT degree. Dr. Soderquist seconded the motion. The Board vote was unanimous.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

FYI

Review and discuss the Stipulation and Order for Thomas Thompson and Samaritan Counseling Centers.

Ms. Taxin explained that these were Cease and Desist Orders as Mr. Thompson is not licensed as a mental health therapist and the therapy he was providing does not meet the requirements of a clergy exemption.

No Board noted the information.

FYI

Review and discuss the Stipulation and Order for Keith Alvin Reber.

Ms. Taxin explained that this Stipulation and Order was based on an old investigation that has now been completed. Ms. Taxin stated that this was a Cease and Desist Order as Mr. Reber's MFT Temporary license expired May 4, 2001.

The Board noted the information.

FYI

Review and discuss the Stipulation and Order for Laura Gudmundson.

Ms. Taxin explained that Ms. Gudmundson is an unlicensed person who was doing case evaluations, making recommendations, diagnosing and treating in mental health therapy. Ms. Taxin stated that this was a Cease and Desist Order.

Ms. Taxin stated that it has come to the attention of the Division that Ms. Gudmundson plans to take the ASWB examination in April 2006 to be licensed as a Certified Social Worker.

The Board noted the information.

Legislative Issues

Mr. Jackson discussed House Bill 136, sponsored by Representative Daw. Mr. Jackson stated that the Bill deregulates everything the Division does to allow people to practice without a license as long as they notify the person/patient and did not intentionally do harm. Mr. Jackson remarked that, it is his opinion, that this issue will be presented at one of the interim

sessions of the Legislature this summer.

The Board noted the information.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Kevin N. Barlow Request to Supervise an additional 2 people

Dr. Harper read Mr. Barlow's request to supervise an additional 2 people.

Dr. Soderquist made a motion to approve Mr. Barlow's request to supervise an additional 2 people in the residential setting providing the case load does not exceed 11. Dr. Nielsen seconded the motion. The Board vote was unanimous.

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR:

June 2, 2006

MEETING ADJOURNED AT:

2:00 P.M.

Date Approved

Chairperson, Utah Marriage & Family Therapy
Licensing Board

Date Approved

Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational &
Professional Licensing